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Once upon a time there was a nobleman who, after the death of his first wife, married an unpleasant and proud woman. She had two daughters as haughty as she was—unlike his own daughter, who was exceptionally sweet and kind.

Soon after the wedding, the new wife showed her true colors. She forced her stepdaughter to do all the dirty and menial chores around the house and made her sleep on a bed of straw. Meanwhile, her own daughters were given luxurious and comfortable bedrooms.

CINDERELLA.

The poor girl suffered patiently and never complained except to the doves that came in through the kitchen window every day to be fed. Whenever she had finished her work, she sat down among the ashes and cinders of the kitchen hearth and thought of her beautiful and kind late mother. Her sisters, noticing this, called her Cinderella.

But even though Cinderella's sisters had finer clothes and were better treated, Cinderella was a hundred times more beautiful than they were.

CINDERELLA.

Now it happened that the King's son gave a ball—but Cinderella was not allowed to go. Her sisters went in their finest dresses and when they had left the house she burst into tears. But Cinderella's fairy godmother, finding her crying, asked her if she too would like to go to the ball. When Cinderella said she would, her godmother magically produced a beautiful dress and glass slippers for her and changed a pumpkin, six mice and a rat into a fine coach with six horses and a coachman.

She made Cinderella promise that she would return home from the ball before midnight. If she did not obey this request, she would be changed back into the raggedy old Cinderella right then and there, and the coach would turn back into a pumpkin.

CINDERELLA.

Cinderella came to the ball and soon the King's son was hearing about a beautiful young princess who had arrived. He went to greet her, offered her his arm and led her into the great hall. There everyone, including the King and Queen, agreed that she was the most beautiful girl they had ever seen. The Prince gave her the seat of honor and danced every dance with her.

CINDERELLA.

Cinderella enjoyed herself so much dancing that she was surprised to hear the clock strike a quarter to twelve. She hurriedly said good night and left. Back home, her godmother promised that she could also go to the ball that would be given the next day. And she heard her sisters talk of the mysterious beautiful princess who had been at the first ball.

The next evening Cinderella again went to the ball. The Prince was with her at all times and she completely lost track of the time. When the clock struck midnight, she sprang up and fled, but in her haste lost one of her glass slippers on the palace stairs.

CINDERELLA.

The Prince was greatly saddened by Cinderella's sudden departure. He kept the glass slipper, and a few days later he announced that he would marry the lady whom the slipper fitted. His messengers went all over the kingdom, but without success. When the Prince himself came to Cinderella's house, her sisters tried on the slipper but it did not fit them. When poor Cinderella tried it on, it fitted perfectly. Then she produced the other slipper. Her godmother appeared and, waving her wand, changed Cinderella back into a beautiful princess.

Soon after, the Prince married Cinderella and they had a very happy life together.

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